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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR AG MO FR SS
SUBJECT: SAHARA: DISAPPEARANCE OF FRENCH YOUTHS

REF: (A) RABAT 0922, (B) ALGIERS 0366 NOTAL, (C) ALGIERS 437,
(D) ALGIERS 409 MOTAL

1. WE PUZZLED BY MOROCCAN INTERIOR MINISTER'S STATEMENT (PARA 4
REF A) THAT POLISARIO SPOKESMAN HAD DENIED REPORT FROM ALGIERS
THAT FIVE FRENCH YOUTHS WHO DISAPPEARED IN SAHARA REGION IN JANUARY
WERE DEAD. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, POLISARIO HAS CONFINED ITSELF
PUBLICLY TO DENYING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF YOUTHS' SITUATION AND TO
TERMING REPORT OF THEIR DEATH A MOROCCAN PROVOCATION, PRIVATELY,
POLISARIO HAS MENTIONED TO FRENCH FINDING GUYOT BOY'S ID CARD ON
DEAD MOROCCAN CAPTAIN FOLLOWING POLISARIO RAID ON MOROCCAN CONVOY
(REF B). GUYOT APPARENTLY TENDS TO ACCEPT THIS VERSION OF INCIDENT
(REFC).

2. FOR ITS PART, GOA HAS REMAINED SILENT ON ISSUE PUBLICLY (REF B)
AND SEEMS TO HAVE TRIED TO ASSIST FRENCH IN THEIR INQUIRY (REF B).

3. WE DOUBT ANY OF THESE POSITIONS HAS SHIFTED.
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